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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT BUSH FROM NIGERIAN PRESIDENT  
OBASANJO

1. Following is the text of a letter dated august 16, 2004  
from President Olusegun Obasanjo of the Federal Republic of  
Nigeria To U.S. President George W. Bush.

Begin Text:

August 16, 2004

PRES/15

His Excellency,  
Mr. George W. Bush,  
President of the United States of America,  
Washington D.C.  
U.S.A.

Dear President

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 6,  
2004 congratulating me and my Economic Advisers on the  
progress being made to implement economic sector reforms in  
Nigeria, including the recent decision to foster a  
partnership with the G8 countries which is specifically aimed  
at combating corruption and enhancing transparency in  
governance.

I also warmly appreciate the pledge to avail us of the  
cooperation of your economic officials in formulating a  
Technical Action Plan that would assist the country in future  
negotiations with the G8 on critical matters essential to  
Nigeria's economic development.

On my part, I wish to assure you of my unflinching commitment  
to ongoing efforts to steer the affairs of the country on the  
path of sustainable growth and development, in collaboration  
with the United States and other development partners. I am  
certain that, with your support, Nigeria will overcome its  
present economic challenges and achieve the desired objective  
of a brighter and more prosperous country that is our mutual  
wish and desire.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest  
esteem.

Yours sincerely

/s/

Olusegun Obasanjo

End Text.

2. Signed original will be sent to Nigerian Desk Officer  
for forwarding to President Bush.  
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